

Human Rights Commission  
Meeting Minutes January 22, 2015  
Bangs Community Center, Amherst

Present: Chair Greg Bascomb, Ingrid Askew, Kathleen Anderson, Lois Raj, Priya Ghosh, Deb Radway, HRHR Director.

Absent: Sid Ferreira, Carol Ross, Liam Brodigan

Guests: Susan Lowery, Joanne Sunshower

Meeting called to order at 6:52pm. There were no agenda additions.

Old Business:

The meeting minutes of December meeting are not available yet.

New Business:

1. Chair's report- ceded time to Joanne Sunshower who gave a history of the Church made a proposal on the Goodwin Memorial Church Community Preservation Act proposal. The Church requires a capital needs assessment and archeological testing and this is the focus of the CPA request. HRC is excited to partner with Goodwin Church and voted unanimously to support the CPA proposal. Chair Bascomb submitted a personal letter of support for the proposal. Director Radway agreed to draft a letter of support from the Commission to the CPA committee and submit it prior to the deadline.
2. Ms. Sunshower also encouraged HRC to partner with the Church on Black History Month Activities. Priya volunteered to be HRC liaison to Goodwin Church BHM activities, and the Commission further thought Liam could work with Priya and involve ARHS students.
3. Chairs report, continued:
  - a. Film and Video Speaker Series seems to have gotten distracted and has not occurred. Need an update from Carol.
  - b. Department of Public Works to be invited to meet with Commission as the next Community Engagement partner.
  - c. Agreement to change up the format of December 10 event-Ingrid will lead the reconstitution as her swan song.
  - d. Greg will serve as point person for the awards picnic, seeks partners and Priya and Deb volunteered.
  - e. Speakers Bureau-Ingrid to update at next meeting
  - f. Kathleen will follow up on Community Summit next steps-undoing racism collaborative meets last Saturday of each month at Jones Library 9-12 in the Woodbury Room.
  - g. Disability Etiquette training- Lois, Greg and Madeline Peters.

The meeting adjourned due to lack of quorum at 8:15pm prior to the rest of the planned agenda.

Deborah Radway  
Note taker